

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) A premounting device for a cutting ring fitting ~~as claimed in claim 6, the device comprising:~~

a frame part;

a support;

a movable actuator;

a means for moving the movable actuator; and

a socket means for controlling a position of the support automatically, the socket means being detachably attached to the movable actuator,

wherein the movable actuator is arranged to move outwardly from the frame part,

wherein the support and the socket are arranged to cooperate for sandwiching a nut and a cutting ring set on the outer surface of a tubular element between the support and the socket means so as to premount a cutting ring fitting,

wherein the support is arranged to be radially adjustable and in operational connection with the socket means to provide said adjustment, and

wherein the socket means is shaped such that as the movable actuator is in its rest position close to the frame part the socket means allows the support ~~means~~ to be in ~~their~~ an open position and as the movable actuator is moved from its rest position for a predetermined distance outwardly with respect to the frame part the socket means forces the support ~~means~~ to move to ~~their~~ a closed position.

8. (currently amended) A premounting device for a cutting ring fitting as claimed in claim 7, wherein the middle portion of the socket means is smaller in diameter than the root of the socket means and as the movable actuator is in its rest position the support ~~means are~~ is in operational connection with the middle portion of the socket means and as the movable actuator is moved for said predetermined distance outwardly with respect to the frame part the support ~~means are~~ is in operational connection with the root of the socket means.

9. (currently amended) A premounting device for a cutting ring fitting as claimed in claim [[6]] 7, wherein the socket means is an integral member, which comprises a socket arranged for shaping the cutting ring.

10. (currently amended) A premounting device for a cutting ring fitting as claimed in claim [[6]] 7, wherein the premounting device comprises spring means, ~~which force~~ forcing the support means towards the open position.